

# Roanoke and Jamestown

Colonization Notes #2

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- Roanoke's "lost colonists"
  - White returned to find the settlers had disappeared
  - Unsolved Mystery
    - Indian attack or went to live with Indians
    - Spanish pirates
    - No one knows

### Roanoke and Jamestown

- Lesson Learned
  - Chose poor location for colony
  - Not enough people, supplies, or money
  - Better planning necessary

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- Jamestown (1607)
  - Virginia Company of London went over in December of 1606 arrived April 1607
  - Three Ships sailed into the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the James River
  - John Smith was in charge of expedition

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- John Smith and Pocahontas
  - Pocahontas may have saved John Smith
  - Helped settlers learn how to survive
  - Married John Rolfe
  - Died of smallpox in England

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- Hard Times in Jamestown
  - Settled on swamp filled with mosquitoes
  - Fell sick by drinking river water
  - Hunting for gold, did not set up colony
  - First year 2/3 of the settlers died
  - John Smith took control; made alliance with Indians; forced people to work

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- The “starving time”
  - Smith injured and returned to England
  - 800 settlers arrived
  - Indians stopped trading food
  - Settlers ate rats, mice, and each other
  - Diseases and death
  - 778 settlers died, only 60 survived

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- Jamestown succeeds
  - John Rolfe grows tobacco, a big cash crop
  - Colonists learn to fish, hunt, and grow crops
  - Population grows and settlers become land owners
  - Leads to the creation of the House of Burgesses to govern the colony